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Andrew Jackson to David Holmes, January 20, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO GOVERNOR HOLMES.1

1 The original is in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Head Quarters 7th Military Dist. January 20, 1815

Sir, The enemy have abandoned their enterprize against New Orleans and have embarked their forces after a compleat defeat and loss of at least one half the army they landed with; as is usual with them, they have proposed an exchange of prisoners on their departure, which I have agreed to so far as it respects those taken on this Coast. To enable me to comply with my engagement, I must request that you will upon the receipt of this procure the necessary transportation and send to me the seamen who are Prisoners in your Territory and mentioned in the enclosed Roster.

P. S. Be good enough to return the enclosed list with the prisoners.